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Research Laboratory, Kodur.

* 125 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 56,000 was sanctioned long ago for the construction of a separate building for the Research Laboratory at Kodur, and if so, why the building has not yet been constructed?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The administrative approval for the construction of the research laboratory at Kodur was accorded in October 1951, subject to the submission of the detailed estimates by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (Buildings). The estimates were received from the Chief Engineer. In the meantime, the question of shifting the Research part of the Bio-Chemist's section from Kodur to Madras has been engaging the attention of the Government. Till this question is decided, the consideration of the question of constructing a building for the research laboratory at Kodur has necessarily to be deferred."

SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI :—" Research laboratory ని విశాలముచేయుటకు building లు లేవు. అందుచేత research work ను కొనసాగించడం సాధ్యం కాక research officer గారు రాజీనామా పెట్టినారు. కాబట్టి ఈ research laboratory కి buildings వగైరా సౌకర్యములు వెంటనే కలుగజేస్తారా ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" That question whether research work should be carried on at Madras or at Kodur has not been settled. When that is settled, this will be done."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" అధ్యక్షా, ఆంధ్ర రాష్ట్రం త్వరలోనే ఏర్పడనున్నది. కాబట్టి ఈ research laboratory ని కోడూరునుంచి మద్రాసుకు మార్చవలసిన అవసరం లేదు కనుక వెంటనే buildings కట్టుటకు ప్రభుత్వం పూనుకుంటుందా ? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The question of shifting the research part of the Bio-chemist's section from Kodur to Madras was examined because of the non-availability of library and other facilities at Kodur. It is not merely a question of buildings hereafter. It is a question of supplying various other things that a research laboratory requires for its proper maintenance. That question will have to be considered when we take up the question of having the research laboratory at Kodur."

Quality of rice supplied through fair price shops in Malabar.

* 126 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints that the rice supplied from most of the ration shops in Malabar is rotten and contains stones and dust; and

(*b*) if so, what action they propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) Yes. Some complaints have been received both by the Government and the Collector of Malabar about the supply of bad quality rice through the fair price shops in the district. All complaints have been generally enquired into and in many cases found to be either baseless or exaggerated. Whenever it was found, upon enquiry, that the rice was really bad steps were taken to clean the stocks before issue. The Government also propose to issue general orders to clean at Government cost all the stocks of rice that might have deteriorated in quality due to long storage and which require cleaning, before releasing them to the consumers through the fair price shops.'

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it justifiable, Sir, that the people of Malabar should eat rice unfit for human consumption till the Government receive reports and pass orders in the usual course, and will the Government be pleased to make immediate arrangements to send good quality rice within the quickest possible time considering the agitation against the supply of bad quality rice to Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think I have answered all the questions raised in the supplementary question also. The presumption that we are supplying rice unfit for human consumption is completely wrong."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, what does the Hon. Minister mean by 'really bad'? Is it not sufficient that it is 'bad' in itself? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 'Really bad' means 'bad' not by mere allegation, but really bad." (Laughter.)

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What happens to this bad quality rice, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Wherever it is unfit for human consumption, it is condemned and sold as cattle feed or used for some other purpose."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister was saying that in most cases the allegations were baseless. Have the Government received any representation from the Pappinaseri P.C.C. in Chirakkal taluk of Malabar that out of 130 bags of rice allotted to the P.C.C. to be distributed through ration shops, 50 bags contained saw dust, and have the Government sent that rice to the entomologists for their opinion, and, if so, what is the result? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir. If this particular complaint had been received, it would have been enquired into and proper action also taken."